

SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov

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Project Applicant: City of Santa Barbara – Cameron Benson

Applicant's Agent: City of Santa Barbara – George Johnson

Project Name: Andrée Clark Bird Refuge Restoration Project

Receiving Water: Andrée Clark Bird Refuge

City/County: Santa Barbara / Santa Barbara

Public Notice: February 22, 2022 – March 15, 2022

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve wildlife habitat and water quality while maintaining current flood protection and passive recreation.

The proposed project activities include:

- Construction of a 6,000 square foot low flow water treatment wetland withing the Municipal Tennis Center;
- Removal and replacement of the concrete weir/dam and weir gate at Cabrillo Boulevard;
- Restoration of approximately 1.4 acres of dune, salt marsh, and mudflat habitat;
- Periodic breach priming of the sand berm at the mouth of the lagoon; and
- Restoration of habitat around the perimeter of the lake.

No mitigation planned.

The City of Santa Barbara filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration on 12/17/2020.